

# THE Blue Beret

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## VISIT OF IRISH JUSTICE MINISTER TO IRCIVPOL

by Insp Michael Hoare

21 June saw the arrival on the island of the Irish Justice Minister, Mrs Maire Geoghegan-Quinn. The Minister was here to visit the Irish Civilian Police (Garda Siochana) serving with UNFICYP.

On Wednesday 22 June, she paid a courtesy call on the Force Commander, Maj Gen Michael Minehane. On arrival at the UNPA, the Minister was met by the Chief of Staff, Brig R Lambe MBE, and inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from the Argentinian Contingent.

After a meeting with the FC, the Minister departed by helicopter for Pyla, where she inspected members of IRCIVPOL under Chief Supt Sean Ginty. She then made a short walkabout in the village, during which she met members of both communities.



The Minister meeting Garda Tom Cleary and other members of IRCIVPOL on her arrival at Larnaca Airport

The Minister was then greeted in Athienou by Capt Zach of the Austrian Contingent, following which she paid a visit to the IRCIVPOL station located there.

During her stay in Cyprus, it just so happened that Ireland played Mexico during the World



Mrs Maire Geoghegan-Quinn and her entourage with members of IRCIVPOL

Cup, but a disappointing result for us failed to mar Friday evening, when the Minister regaled us with her fine singing voice in a local restaurant. The following day, the Minister departed for Ireland.

The Minister was accompanied on her visit by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Ireland, Mr Patrick Byrne, members of the Irish press and a film crew from the Irish national television station, RTE, as well as the editors of the Garda News and Garda Review, our two in-house magazines at home.

Minister Geoghegan-Quinn was first elected to the Irish Parliament, The Dail, in 1975 and has been successfully re-elected at all subsequent elections. She holds the unique distinction of being the first woman to have reached the status of Cabinet Minister in the Irish Government since the foundation of the State in 1922. Prior to her appointment to the cabinet in 1979, she held the post of Junior Minister in a number of previous Governments. In this regard, she had special responsibility from



The Minister with the Deputy Commissioner (left) and CO IRCIVPOL, Ch Supt Pat Quirke

1981-1982 for Youth and Sport. Between 1982 and 1987, whilst in opposition, the Minister was Front Bench spokesperson for women's affairs, a subject in which she takes great interest as Justice Minister, and since her appointment to the post in January 1993, she has been responsible for a number of changes in police procedures for dealing with domestic violence.

Her hobbies include reading, driving, walking and music. She is also very actively involved in a personal capacity on behalf of her local Cheshire Home.



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**We do care!**

by Tadeusz Zagozdziński

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## EDITORIAL

How many times have you dropped something you didn't need on a pavement rather than put it into a waste basket, which, at 20 metres, was too far away? How many times have you dumped a piece of plastic or a cigarette end in the sea? How often have you found the courage to tell others to stop dropping rubbish? How many times have you failed to pick up something that others have dropped, dumped or thrown away? How many times... Well...

Regrettably, generations of UN peacekeepers serving here have observed the growing levels of pollution on land and sea. Tourists and the local population don't seem to care very much about it.

We are guests on this beautiful Island of Aphrodite - for the sake of the beauty around us, the beauty we enjoy so much during our off-duty hours, don't add to it.

Set an example for others to follow and let's really prove that "We do care".

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## ARGCON CELEBRATIONS IN UNFICYP

by Father Raúl Perrupato and  
Capt Hugo Jorge Areco



First and foremost, the spirit of the Argentinian people and its Armed Forces has always been one of friendship and solidarity towards all people of all nations, and its policy has always been to contribute towards welfare, justice and peace.



Argentinian NCOs having their traditional breakfast on National Day

To understand where this spirit originated, it is perhaps a good idea to refresh one's mind on the history of Argentina since Independence in May 1810. We could possibly refer to the period before 25 May as the childhood of Argentina, under the rule of the Spanish monarchy. However, when José Bonaparte was appointed King of Spain by his brother Napoleon, the people of Buenos Aires resisted French rule and decided to replace the Viceroy's authority. The new Council created the Argentinian Army, with the aim of defending and consolidating the security and freedom of the new Republic. Then started the struggle for Independence against the Spanish forces, which led the Argentinian soldiers beyond their frontiers to Chile and Peru.

The second characteristic within the

Argentinian forces is the earnest religious belief that takes its roots from the catholicism of Spain (the "motherland"), which is strongly related to the worship of the Virgin Mary. This profound religious feeling is evident throughout the Army, and is proven by the fact that the two greatest heroes of Argentina's Independence, Generals José de San Martín and Manuel Belgrano, were both deeply religious men.

On 25 May 1994, the Argentinian National Day was celebrated in Skouriotissa by members of ARGCON and their guests with a military parade and the traditional breakfast, followed by another celebration on 29 May which is Argentina's Army Day. A pilgrimage in honour of the Virgin Mary was made to all positions in the Buffer Zone which are manned by the Argentinian Contingent.

The week ended with a sporting tournament, which included football, swimming and volleyball, all of which was well attended by all members of ARGCON.



The Argentinian flag marching past on National Day.

## SUMMER FETE - JUST GREAT!

The UNFICYP Summer Fete, which took place on Saturday 21 May 1994, raised approximately C£3,000 for charity. Seen right are members of the Families Social and Welfare Committee, presenting a cheque for C£500 to the staff of the Nicosia Blind School.



## SOCCER MATCH: NG VERSUS AUSCON

On 12 May, the almost legendary soccer match between 2 Coy/AUSCON and the local NG battalion took place in Dhekelia.

From the outset, the 13 heroic UN players faced the expertise of 21 players from the NG. The battle started, favouring sometimes one team and sometimes the other. AUSCON was, however, handicapped by strong head winds throughout the first half.

Finally, in the 71st minute, AUSCON scored for the very first time - unfortunately, however, the NG already had six goals to their name.... This score was again adversely altered to a final 9:1 for NG.



At this stage of the game, the soccer world was still OK for AUSCON

After the competition, a prize-giving ceremony was conducted by the NG Regimental Commander and the DCO AUSCON, Maj E Eder. 2 Coy/AUSCON had reached a very

good second place, whereas NG came second-to-last!

Some snacks and beer ended the day in a very pleasant fashion.

## AUSCON REMEMBER A COMRADE

On 2 May 1993, M/Cpl Wolfgang Leeb died in a diving accident. On the first anniversary of this fatal event, members of AUSCON erected a cross at Cape Greco, the spot where the accident took place. On 2 May 1994, Chaplain O Krepper consecrated the cross at a commemoration service.

L/Cpl Christian Fötschl (right) from Sector Four's Engineer Platoon constructed the cross and Chaplain Otto Krepper consecrated it.



## DEBUT OF THE "GORDON WANDERERS"



Top row, left to right: Cyril Hames, Petros Theodorou, Darren Hobson, John Fantis, Stephen Oakley, Nicos Zarka and Stephen Lock.  
Bottom row: Lennart Martinsen, Phillip John, Abdul Shaffi, Theo Georgiou, Kypros Kyprianou, Chrysanthos Chrysanthou and Anthos Malas.

Pictured above is the newly formed "Gordon Wanderers" Football Club, which is largely made up of personnel from the UNFICYP Support Services Section. On 24 April 1994, they played and won against "The Accies", a team from Dhekelia which is made up of teachers from within the Garrison.

## AUSCON'S WELFARE OFFICE

by Sgt H Smetana

"Your wish is my command" is the guiding principle of AUSCON's Welfare NCO, Sgt Mathias Valtiner.

Negotiations with different travel agencies, hunting for lowest fares, booking flights for the AUSCON soldiers and their relatives, rental of

videos and organising recreation tours on the island are just some of the things which are his concern.

Mathias' leisure time is restricted because there are no limits to his projects. Perfection of those assignments already in progress take a great deal of time.

Nevertheless, he always remains cool, calm and collected, welcoming everybody with a smile on his face.





## JOINT AUSTRIAN - BRITISH VENTURE

by I/Lt Berndt Wesiak

Thanks to the efforts of our Commanding Officer, Lt Col A Kloss (obviously a sailing enthusiast himself, even if presently disguised as a golf pro!), I/Lt Karl Curin, L/Cpl Christian Holzknicht and myself had the chance to participate in 2 RTR's Adventure Training - a one week's offshore sailing course, based at Akrotiri Mole.

On 2 May at 0745 hrs we met our two skippers, Maj Simon Allen and Capt Paul Macro, together with



Skipper P Macro climbing up the rig of the "Flying Frog"

seven British fellow-seamen down at the Mole. At the start of the course, we were issued with some equipment that we hoped we would not need during the week (such as oil-skins and rubber boots), and were made familiar with the two yachts, the "Strongbow" and the "Flying Frog". A little later we were already sailing, with a nice, south-westerly wind taking us to Larnaca. Even though it was the first time we had approached Larnaca from the sea, we found night life at the sea-front the same as usual.

The first night on the boat went well, except possibly for the crew of the "Strongbow" who had to get up several times to convince their boat that she was supposed to stay between sternlines and anchor, instead of making a trip through the marina.

The following morning we were given some instruction on points of sailing etc, and then we did some "man overboard" recovery training. After Skipper P Macro had assessed that two on board the "Flying Frog" were able to get the yacht back to a spot where a man had gone overboard (the skipper himself was not among them), we started our way back towards the Sheraton Marina of Limassol. Running before the wind, we were able to try the spinnaker, and then some rain gave us the chance (unfortunately, see



The "Strongbow", the larger of the two yachts.

above) to try out the oilies and rubber boots. Finally, a total lull in the wind enabled us to test how a sailing yacht runs under engine.

The last three sailing days were shortened by the British and Austrian Medal Parades, but nevertheless, we gained a lot of practical experience in all aspects of yacht sailing.

After approximately 150 nm of offshore sailing throughout the week, the course was finished with the assessment that we were all now "competent crew members", and we hope that our newly achieved knowledge will one day be put to good use.



### TENNIS COMPETITION: AUSCON VERSUS EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

On 30 Apr 94, a tennis competition between AUSCON and the Eastern Mediterranean University of Famagusta took place. Six single and three double matches were played, with AUSCON losing five games to four.

The AUSCON team with team leader Lt Col A Kloss, CO AUSCON (front left) and the EMU lecturers' team with team leader HA Bicak, PhD, Head of the Economics Dept (front right)



## EXERCISE - AUSCON - EXERCISE - AUSCON - EXERCISE - AUSCON



The first strength check and info in CDL V



WO1 M'Hojas is issued his flak jacket



The first reserve platoon arrives at CMT



WO2 O Neunteufel issues the MG to Cpl W Ladics and M/Cpl H Hasenauer.

On Friday 13 May 1994, AUSCON conducted a Recall Exercise, subsequently forming platoons for COP WOODPECKER. As (almost) nobody knew anything about the exercise, many of the Sector Four personnel had left their camps or OPs for various places between Larnaca, Ayia Napa and Bogaz.

At 2300 hrs, the exercise was initiated by the SOO, Maj P Pöcher and, consequently, each member of AUSCON had to show up at his location of duty within a certain time (four hours for key personnel, six hours for the rest). The line companies were informed by fax, with each company recalling its personnel by telephone or pager, but it was everybody's individual responsibility to ensure his prompt return.

In the camps, personnel were informed of the exercise via loudspeakers, and an immediate falling in of everybody present served to check the actual strength and to pass on the first orders. One after the other, the soldiers returned and the recall system proved efficient once more.

At the beginning of the exercise, everybody had to man his office, prepare dress and kit according to standing orders and acquire special equipment issued etc. Then at 0100 hrs, the second step began and COP WOODPECKER was implemented.

The Battalion formed four reserve platoons, two by HQ Coy and one by each line Coy, during which the daily routine duty had to be continued. At 0300 hrs, a forward HQ was ordered to be established in Camp Berger, while all reserve platoons were to move to Camp Marie Therese.

There, their equipment was checked and, following some additional specific training, the exercise ended and everybody started on his way back to duty at sunrise.



The night-revellers return



Cpl G Juen and Cpl K Kamyabi start to recall the soldiers



Maj E Wallig, OC 2 Coy, coordinates in CMT



Specific training instead of night-life

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## THE 7TH PARACHUTE REGIMENT ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY TAKES OVER FROM THE 2ND ROYAL TANK REGIMENT



Bdr Tye's impersonation of a railway signal



BSM 1 Para Bty, WO1 Grant Ingleton (left), wondering what RQMS Martin Lewis has so much to smile about!

On Wednesday 1 June 1994, the Advance Party of the 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery arrived in theatre to don their "Blue Berets" and take up the growing role of UN peace-keepers.

The first week consisted of an intense period of handover from the officers and soldiers of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, and we soon realised that we were indeed fortunate to be inheriting an area from a highly professional and stylish unit. Commanders at all levels continued to remind both OPFORs that the units were not due to change until 7 June, and that the 7th Para RHA "test week" shouldn't start till then. The week continued in the same vein as it had started, and both the Officers' Mess and SNCOs' Mess conducted a most thorough social handover/takeover!

Once we had got over the initial shock of such a temperature change and the surreal atmosphere within some parts of the Buffer Zone, we knew that we had much to look forward to.



Asst Ops Offr, Capt Will Bramble, happy that he has found his place of work at last.



Lt Kit Jackson takes over Ortona House from Lt Wayman 2 RTR.



The race is on!

## THE UNFICYP 10km ROAD RACE

by Capt E O'Hara

The UNFICYP 10km Road Race was held in the UNPA on 28 April 1994. The race was well supported by military personnel from all over the island. Sector One produced the largest number of runners, and the British Bases were also well represented from Ayios Nikolaos, Dhekelia and RAF Akrotiri.

The winner, in an excellent time, considering the route and weather conditions, was Sgt George Reynolds, RAF Akrotiri, in 34 mins 45 secs. In second place was Sgt Maj Herman Cortinez of ARGCON, whose speed and endurance capacity belies his age. All competitors, be they serious or fun runners, enjoyed the occasion and fully participated in the event.

## 7TH PARACHUTE REGIMENT ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY UP AND RUNNING

by Capt Justin van der Pant

The Regiment has now firmly established itself in Sector Two, with all troops being fully conversant with their areas amidst a busy programme which has seen a high number of visits. These have included those of the FC, Maj Gen M F Minehane, the outgoing COS, Brig R M Lambe MBE, his successor, Col J S W Powell OBE and the RC Bishop to the Forces, the Rt Rev Francis J Walmsley CBE, as well as a



Footballing action - 7 Para RHA vs ARGCON in the final of the Inter-Sector competition

to write on the history of the Ledra Palace Hotel, where the brandy sour was invented in the early 1960s.

The Buffer Zone has seen a full patrol programme launched by



Gnrs Donnelly and Brown clearing up after the fire near B28

WO1(RSM) Stan Wilmot contemplating the redecoration of the Buffer Zone in Nicosia

string of journalists and camera crews who are all interested in reporting the 20th anniversary of the summer 1974 events in Cyprus. The latter have been given the now well rehearsed Walled City Line Tour, whilst a journalist from the Observer intends



Sgt Nobby Clark nowhere near the ball during an inter-battery water-polo match

as both OPFORs have tested the water in the confines of Nicosia. G Bty celebrated Waterloo Day by way of a BBQ at the LPH swimming pool on Sat 18 Jun 94 with the Battery Commander, Maj Jeff Sims, reciting the history of the Battery since 1815.

On the sporting front, 29 members of 7 Para RHA competed in the Famagusta 10km Race with 6 runners in the top 10, whilst the football team won the Inter-Sector Competition beating ARGCON 5-3 in the final.



Capt Justin van der Pant looks on as the BBC Scotland camera crew film Beaver Lodge

The adventurous training centre in Dhekelia started to run courses in sub aqua diving, parachuting, canoeing, climbing and sailing (offshore and dinghy) from 4 Jul 94, and has so far seen over 70 personnel gain various qualifications.

Of course, everyone is taking the opportunity to see the delights of Cyprus with Tp flats in Ayia Napa being heavily used, whilst others have headed for the quieter northern shores.



The Adj, Capt Nick McRobb, exhausted after carrying his in tray down to the pool



LBdr Ward finishing 4th in the Famagusta 10km run.

we were kept busy extinguishing a fire which spread 15km by 500m, finishing feet short of B28, whilst I Bty have had a hectic time



## BONDU DOGS — THE FACTS

by Sgt Peter Conway



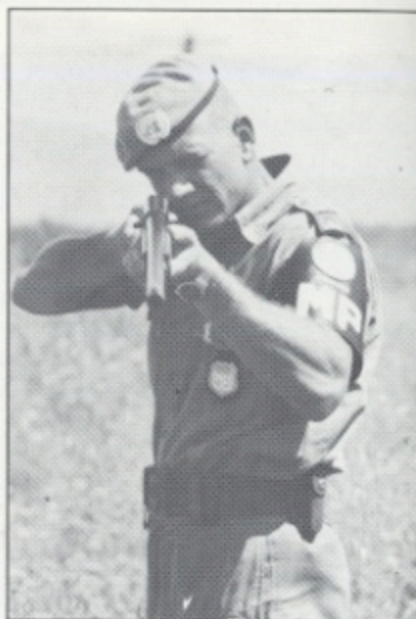
We have all heard the expression 'bondu dog', but do we all know just exactly what a 'bondu dog' is? No? Well, a bondu dog (or 'Bondhue Daag', as it should be spelt) is actually a medieval Dutch fertility dance, performed annually in rural Holland at midnight on the third Wednesday in August... only joking!!

Bondu dogs are wild dogs which roam and scavenge around the UNPA, sometimes in packs of around five to six, but often individually. They have the appearance of ordinary dogs - because that's what they are! In most cases, they are probably 'ex' pets, now discarded by thoughtless owners. These dogs are DANGEROUS, not because they maraud the estates and savage unsuspecting weary travellers (though I wouldn't trust them as far as I could throw my voice!), but because some are diseased - through no fault

of their own I admit, but diseased, nevertheless. They carry the illness known as 'Hydatid', which they acquire by eating infected meat. The problem (and I mean **problem!**) with this affliction is that it may be passed on to humans, just by **handling**, and will cause serious illness which may result in a very permanent case of death!

### ACTION ON CONTACT

If you come into contact with a bondu dog, what should you do? First of all, wash your hands (or whatever part of the body came into contact), then call for the cavalry on 359666. In this case, the cavalry is the UN MP patrol, and the only white charger they are likely to arrive on is a Pajero called 'UNF 617'. The MPs have a mandate to destroy all bondu dogs and, with a double dose of anaesthetic from 'Dr Buckshot', will eradicate the danger and remove the dog.



A bondu dog's view of an MP in action

These dogs are only as dangerous as we allow them to be. Report all sightings as soon as possible, and with your help, we may even be able to totally remove the threat from the UNPA, once and for all!

## WATCH OUT FOR THESE MEN - AS THEY WILL WATCH OUT FOR YOU!!!

by Sgt Peter Conway

In January of 1994, we saw the arrival of the first set of Canadian Military Police personnel since the September 1993 withdrawal of the Canadian Contingent. Three of these members have triumphantly accomplished the next level in the Canadian rank system, and on Monday 16 May 1994, they were promoted from the rank of Corporal to Master Corporal.

This is an important stage in the Canadian Military, as it is the first step towards a supervisory role. Combined, these men have over 24 years of military service and experience, and are well versed in military and criminal law. Good luck in the future and keep up the good work.



From left to right: M/Cpl Fabio Duchesne, M/Cpl Andy McLean, the FPM and M/Cpl Eric Levesque.

## PERMANENT FORCE RESERVE THE ARRIVAL OF 7 PARA RHA

by Captain Neale McArdle

At the time of writing, 7 Para RHA are a month into the tour. The British Contingent are well and truly settled in and the Permanent Force Reserve is once more a smoothly oiled machine, bristling with efficiency. The hand-over has gone well and we are at a stage now where the OC and Sergeant Major can very nearly pronounce all of the Austrian and Argentinian names!

Among the new arrivals is Lt Gerhard Köstner who has taken over the position of 2IC, Patrols Officer and even part-time Life Guard at the UNPA pool!

Sgt Maj 'Nobby' Clarke has the job of Perm FR Sergeant Major. As well as his many other duties, he is responsible for ensuring that the leave, adventure training and R&R tie in and leave us with enough men to do our job. Sgt Maj Clarke's hair was actually black when we arrived here.



The Force Reserve at work...

SSgt Steve Larkin has taken over the job of Force Reserve Quarter Master Sergeant. It is him you will see prowling BB Camp in search of much needed kit or returning fully laden from a successful mission.

As for the rest of the force, they can regularly be seen manning the UNPA gates and patrolling the sectors. When off duty, for the small price of a large beer, they will gladly introduce themselves to anyone who is interested!

Having completed a Pandora's Box Exercise and a month in the job, the Force Reserve is beginning to mould well. There is much language training taking place, both on the gates and in spare time. Though being part of a multi-national force has its difficulties, all contingents are looking forward to an enjoyable and successful tour.



... and at rest!

## AUSTCIVPOL MEDAL PARADE

Wednesday 29 June 1994, a proud day for our "new kids" as they received their UN Cyprus medal for three months' service, presented by Maj Gen M Minehane with a congratulatory speech from HE Mr Eddie Stephens, the Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus. Over 60 guests attended the ceremony, many of whom commented on how moving the occasion was with playing of the Australian national anthem "Advance Australia Fair", followed by the unofficial national anthem "Waltzing Matilda".

AUSTCIVPOL members and guests enjoyed an afternoon tea with an informal BBQ in the evening. It was pleasing to see that, in spite of the number of UN service

medals presented over the years, the special feeling of pride enjoyed by all recipients never seems to diminish.



From the left: Stn Sgt Bernie O'Donnell, Stn Sgt Brad Johnston, Sgt Mick Bolin, Sgt Dean Manning, Sgt Lynne Drake, Sgt Annie Brooks, Sgt Peter Lamont and Sgt Dave Ayers. In front: Supt Sandi Peisley

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



**SUPT BOB GRAY**

Bob is aged 53 and has 32 years' police experience. He has been a detective for 28 years, working at state, federal and international levels including the Australian War Crimes Commission and internal investigations. At home in Canberra, Bob is attached to the Special Reference Area of the Investigations Dept (HQ) dealing with politically sensitive matters. He is also a graduate in Management Studies from the Australian Police College at Manly. Bob's hobbies and interests include swimming, golf, music and wine appreciation...



**STN SGT BRAD JOHNSTON**

Brad, an ex-serviceman, is aged 49 and has 23 years' police experience, ranging from traffic duty through to criminal investigation and legal adjudication. At home in Canberra, Brad is a uniformed community police officer. Brad's hobbies include antique restoration and Galloway cattle breeding, and he is strongly associated with the Australian Scottish Heraldry Association.



**STN SGT BERNIE O'DONNELL**

Bernie is aged 31 and has 12 years' police experience. He is a detective with both community and national exposure, including time spent as a training officer. At home in Canberra, Bernie works within the Special Reference Area of the Investigations Dept of HQ dealing with matters of a politically sensitive nature. Bernie is studying for a degree in social sciences. His hobbies include diving, photography and hang gliding.



**SGT DAVE AYERS**

Dave is 38 years of age and has 16 years' community and national policing experience in London, England and Australia, including time as a police trainer and fraud investigator. At home in Perth, he is a detective working as a narcotics investigator in the Drug Operations Branch. Dave is studying for a degree in Business Management. His hobbies include tennis, surfing and coaching junior soccer.



**SGT TONY PETHEBRIDGE**

Tony is 30 years of age with 12 years' policing experience. He is a detective with a background in surveillance and the investigation of organised crime. At home in Sydney, he is a narcotics investigator currently attached to the Drug Operations Branch. Tony is a keen sportsman and is studying natural sports medicine. His hobbies include basketball, water polo and rugby union.



**SGT GRANT SCHULTZ**

Grant is 30 years of age with 12 years' national and community policing experience. Grant is both a search and rescue specialist and a bomb technician. At home in Canberra, Grant is a uniformed community police officer, often attached to the Operation Support Group for crowd control. He is currently studying for a degree in social science. Grant's hobbies include fishing and mountain-bike riding, and he also has an interest in horticulture.

by Pol Sgt Dave Ayers

## AUSTCIVPOL 40TH CONTINGENT

On 21 March 1994, the 40th Australian Police Contingent arrived in Cyprus for their six-month tour of duty. This is the 30th year that Australian police have been on the island and so far, over 1,000 officers have served here.

We shared the same initial experience as all of our predecessors insofar as learning heaps, understanding little. But towards the middle of June, with the guidance of the 39th Contingent, we were firing on all eight cylinders. As can be seen, the 12 officers have a combined

total service of 168 years, and have a range of experience encompassing a wide spectrum of policing skills. As with most contingents, the police officers are all volunteers and undergo a thorough selection process before being employed in Cyprus.

Australian police are being deployed in such diverse locations as Mozambique, Somalia and Cambodia, and it is pleasing that the military and the civilian police are able to work with such close co-operation in UN peace-keeping service.



**SGT DEAN MANNING**

Dean is 31 years of age with 10 years' community policing experience. He is a detective with a background in narcotics investigation and criminal investigation. At home in Canberra, Dean is an investigator attached to the drug intelligence unit. Dean's hobbies include photography and video work, diving and mountain-bike riding, and he has a special interest in computing skills.



**SGT ANNIE BROOKS**

Annie has eight years' community and national policing experience. She has a background within the general duties branch and is often attached to the Operations Support Group dealing with crowd control. At home in Canberra, Annie works in the Communications Branch. She is currently studying for a degree in Justice Studies. Her hobbies include equestrian sports and triathlons.



**SUPT SANDI PEISLEY**

Sandi has 20 years' police service, from uniform community policing through to national investigations and police internal investigations. Sandi is also the only female in uniform in the Australian Federal Police to hold the rank of Superintendent. At home in Canberra, Sandi is the OIC of a community police station, Tuggeranong District. She has completed a major in adult education and is on her way to a BA in Administration. Sandi's hobbies include running, reading and she too has an appreciation of fine wines!



**SGT MICK BOLIN**

Mick is 28 years of age with nine years' community policing experience. He has a background of service with the Juvenile Aid Branch and is involved with the Police and Citizens Youth Club. At home in Canberra, Mick is a uniformed community police officer. He is currently studying for a BA in Police Studies. Mick's hobbies include cricket, rugby league and rugby union.



**SGT LYNNE DRAKE**

Lynne has eight years' community policing experience. She has a background of general duties involvement, and is often attached to the Operations Support Group for demonstrations and public order concerns. At home in Canberra, Lynne is attached to the Communications Branch. Lynne, an A grade hockey and netball player, is also involved in theatre production and choreography.



**SGT PETER LAMONT**

Peter is aged 28 and has six years' community policing experience. At home in Canberra, Peter is a uniformed general duties officer. He also performs duty with the Special Operations Team involving major firearm incidents, and often works as a task force officer. His hobbies include tennis, weight training and involvement with a surf lifesaving club. He also has an interest in building.

## THREE BUSY MONTHS FOR THE SIGNAL PLATOON

by Capt J Romeira

Since their arrival in Cyprus, the Signal Platoon has been working hard to fix and install HF radio equipment in order to establish a reliable link with stations located at different parts of our extensive area of responsibility, hence enabling ARGCON members to keep in

regular contact with their families.

Besides providing tactical communications, the Platoon has recently installed a satellite dish so that Sector One personnel can enjoy channels from Spain, Portugal and Italy.



Installing the satellite dish at the NCOs' Mess:

From the left:

Sgt Campos, WO3 Neli, WO3 Gozo, WO3 Rojas, Cpl Lazarte, Cpl Galvan and Sgt Dias



Installing a new antenna at Skouriotissa Camp: Sgt Campos, WO2 Gutierrez and WO2 Rios



Contact with Argentina in the Radio Room (from the left): Sgt Campos, WO2 Gutierrez and WO2 Rios

## ARGENTINA CELEBRATES NAVY DAY

by Lt Hector D Payero

On 17 May, the Argentinian Contingent celebrated "Navy Day", commemorating the anniversary of the naval combat of Montevideo where the national fleet, commanded by Admiral Guillermo Brown, won its first victory against the more powerful Spanish fleet as part of the campaign to liberate the colony of the Rio de la Plata from the Spanish crown.

The celebration took place at the Box Factory camp, presided over by Sector One's Commanding Officer, Lt Col J M Durante. Lt Cdr Raul Luna, in an



Lt Cdr Raul Luna addressing the Marines at Charlie Coy HQ (the Box Factory)



Marines on parade for Navy Day

emotional speech, refreshed our memories on the historic events which contributed towards our Independence in 1916.

The programme for the day finished with a lunch when the Marines, who are normally busy monitoring the Buffer Zone in the eastern area of Sector One, shared this special day with their Army and Air Force friends in UNFICYP.



## ARGENTINIAN SOLDIERS ARE NOT ONLY IN CYPRUS

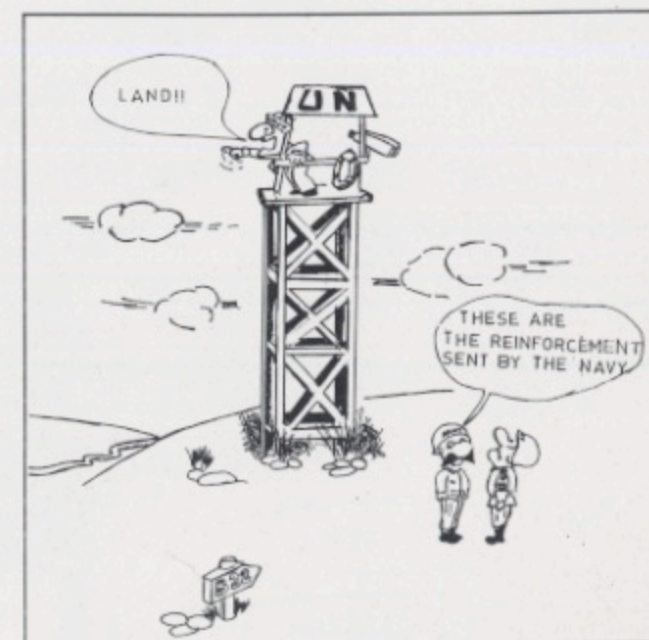
by Capt Julio Cesar Belfi

Since the beginning of the nineties, Argentinian representation in peace-keeping forces has experienced a significant increase. Apart from the 375 Argentinians serving in Cyprus, our armed forces have sent:

- six Military Observers to Israel (UNTSO), three of whom are from the Army, two from the Navy and one from the Air Force;
- a Coy of Army Engineers to Kuwait (UNIKOM), in addition to six Military Observers;
- one Air Force Campaign Hospital to Maputo, Mozambique (ONUMOZ) in April 1991;
- three Gendarmes and two Army Military Observers to Luanda, Angola (UNAVEM); and
- four Observers from the Navy to El Salvador (ONUSAL) in November 1991.

The largest contingent of Argentinian soldiers abroad is deployed to the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR). In March 1992, the "BEA" (Argentine Army Battalion) was sent to Croatia, followed by 30 Gendarmes and six Military Observers. The present total of Argentinian soldiers in that mission is 900.

We must also mention that a corvette has been detached to Haiti (UNMIH) where there is an international blockade, in accordance with the UN mandate.



1,497 Argentinian soldiers are presently deployed worldwide, illustrating the desire of the Argentinian people and government to sponsor peace efforts worldwide.

## REBUILDING D-26

by Capt Alfredo Mesa Rossi

During a storm at the end of November 1993, the Patrol Base D-26 was almost destroyed while UN personnel were occupying it.

UNFICYP authorities immediately decided to rebuild it. The Force Engineer's office was in charge of the project, and the Argentinian Engineers' Platoon initiated the task, along with personnel from D-26.



PB D-26, rebuilt after a storm by Argentinian Engineers



Standing, from the left: WO2 Gonzalez, WO3 Zabala, Sgt Tortosa, Pte Calamante, Sgt Cisneros, Sgt Castro, S/Sgt Woudrick, Sgt Calderon and WO2 Torres.

Kneeling, from the left: Sgt Leguiza, WO3 Franco, WO2 Alvarez, Capt Mesa, Sgt Alzugaray, WO3 Fizzani, S/Sgt Villalba and S/Sgt Franco.

It was a mammoth task, with all sorts of expertise required including masonry, electricity, plumbing, etc. However, it was

a very useful experience for the Argentinian Engineers working in UNFICYP.

## THE UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION



The final round is fired in the UNFICYP Shooting Competition.